

A BANK MESSENGER'S SUICIDE
HE SHOOTS HIMSELF IN THE CELLAR OF HIS HOME.

THE SON OF A WEALTHY CONTRACTOR, BUT WITHOUT AMBITION—HIS CAREFUL PREPARATIONS FOR DEATH.

Joseph Roome Harrison, a bank messenger, twenty-six years old, who lived with his father, John F. Harrison, at No. 23 West One-hundred-and-twenty-first-st., committed suicide some time on Tuesday night by shooting himself in the body in the cellar of his parents' home. His body was discovered by a servant in Mr. Harrison's family on her going into the cellar early yesterday morning to start a fire in the furnace. It was in a sitting position on an unturned clothes hamper, and there was a chaotic wound in the right temple.

For a few moments the girl was unable to utter a sound. Then she gave a series of piercing shrieks and fainted at the feet of the dead man. The shrieks alarmed the household and the young man's sister, his father and another servant hurried down to the cellar. The father and sister were overcome with grief. Their sobbing attracted several neighbors, who assisted Mr. and Mrs. Harrison upstairs, restored the servant girl to consciousness and summoned Dr. John G. Max, of No. 17 East One-hundred-and-twenty-seventh-st., who is the family physician. He made an examination of the body and found that the young man had been dead several hours.

The young man had made peculiar preparations for his suicide. He had turned a clothes hamper bottom up and placing it beside a square brick pillar, seated himself on it, with his back against the pillar, tying a cloth line tightly round his waist and the pillar in such a way as to sustain his body in an upright position. When all had been prepared he had evidently placed the pistol at his right temple and fired, the bullet tearing a great hole in his skull and passing completely through his head. Death must have been instantaneous.

The suicide for the suicide, as far as can be learned, seems to have been remarkably slight. Young Harrison was a messenger in the Mount Morris Bank. He had been in the employ of the bank for about seven years. The young man did not need to work, his father, John F. Harrison, who is now more than seventy years old, being a wealthy retired contractor, but it was Mr. Harrison's desire that his son should not be a mere idler, and he therefore placed him in the bank, with the official of which he was well acquainted. The young man however was never advanced from the position to which he was entitled when he entered the bank.

Rightly young Harrison had been accused of neglecting his duties. He was remanded to prison, and, on Tuesday Mr. Harrison, the cashier, told him not to do his work on the farm, but that his father had been communicating with the young man. The young man appeared to receive the order good-naturedly. He remained at the bank for some time writing letters to his wife. He did not tell his wife of his suspension, but ate his dinner with good appetite. His sister talked with him in the dining-room late in the evening, and when she retired he cheerfully bid her goodnight. That was the last time he was seen alive.

No trace of the young man was found in the dining-room yesterday morning. A note was found written by the young man and addressed to his father. In it the young man said that he was tired of living and had determined to die.

The name of the bank said yesterday that it was impossible for the young man to have been a defaulter, as he handled only paper and not money. He described him as a young man of steady habit without ambition, and said that the only cause for his suicide seemed to be his suspension from the employ of the bank and his fear of being reproached for it.

A BIG APPETITE, BUT NO MONEY.

SUTTON ATE A LARGE MEAL, BUT DECLINED TO PAY FOR IT.

Francis H. Sutton, thirty-four years old, of No. 27 West Thirty-fourth-st., Tuesday afternoon walked into Brown's shop house at No. 31 West Twenty-seventh-st., and sat down at one of the tables. He surveyed the bill of fare with a languid air and then beckoning to the waiter, said to him: "I have no appetite to-day. Get me a cocktail as a teaser."

The cocktail was brought to him and he drank it with evident relish. He then waited a few moments and again ordered a cocktail, and after he had partaken of that he informed the waiter that he believed he was really getting an appetite.

Here is what he ordered: One order of clams, one order of consomme, one order of celery, one large steak, a double order of French fried potatoes, three mugs of ale, two cups of coffee, nine cigars and one glass of whiskey. It took him over three hours to get away with it, but when he was finished the dishes were \$2.50, the meal \$3.50, and when it was handed to him he walked in the direction of the cashier's desk, but to the astonishment of all in the place did not stop, but suddenly dashed across the street.

Everybody in the place was so surprised at the audacity of Sutton that he would probably have escaped had he not run into the arms of the police. Kelly, of the 22nd Precinct station, Kelly grabbed him and took him back into the restaurant to see why he was leaving in such unseemly haste. William E. Wunderlich, the manager of the place, explained that Sutton, a young man of twenty in the West Thirty-fourth-station on a charge of having violated the hotel act. It was said at the station that he had lately been guilty of robbing the Hotel Gerard in a most flagrant manner.

In the Jefferson Market Court yesterday morning Magistrate Crane fined Sutton \$100 and did not have the money and was locked up.

BOARDING-HOUSE THIEF PLEADS GUILTY.

William R. Elliott, twenty-two years old, a salesman of Mobile, Ala., pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree yesterday before Judge Fitzgerald in Part I General Sessions. There were three indictments against Elliott for robbing boarding houses. He apparently made a business of engaging a room at a boarding-house and stealing clothing from the other boarders. He made a full confession when arrested on August 22 at the boarding-house of Bruno C. Barbour, No. 31 West Twenty-seventh-st. He had stolen \$30 worth of property from them. On August 19 he stole \$35 worth of property from the boarding-house of M. J. K. Williams, No. 25 West Twenty-first-st. When arrested he surrendered all of the pawntickets, and most of the property. It is said, has been recovered. Judge Fitzgerald remanded the young man for sentence until next Friday.

A BOY KILLED BY A CAR.

Walker McManus, three years old, died yesterday morning at the Manhattan Hospital from injuries which he received Tuesday night by being run over by a cable-car at Columbus-ave., and One-hundred-and-sixth-st. The accident occurred with the child was passing ball. He lived at No. 59 Columbus-ave.

William McManus, the gripman of the car which struck the boy, was before Coroner Hooper yesterday, and paroled until an inquest can be held. Policeman Delaney told the Coroner that the gripman was not to blame, as the boy ran in front of the car from one side of the road, making it impossible for the car to be stopped in time.

THE 117TH ARMORY DRILL.

The 117th Regiment armory drill session will begin on Monday. The first call for drill will be sounded at 8 p.m. at the assembly at 8:15 p.m. and recur 9:45 p.m. Drills will take place as follows: Mondays, Companies G and I; Tuesdays, Companies B and H; Wednesdays, Companies F and K; Thursdays, Company D; Fridays, Companies A and C.

Practice for the 350th decoration for armory shooting will begin on November 2, and continue until February 26. Companies will practice as follows: 6:30 to 8 p.m., and 9:30 to 11:30 p.m., Monday, G and I; Tuesday, B and H; Wednesday, F and K; Thursday, D and E; and Friday, C and S. The 117th will be in the Zabriskie trophy will be shot every evening in the week for qualification except Saturday and Sunday.

NAVAL APPRENTICES TO RACE.

A race between the naval apprentices of the cruiser Raleigh and those of the battle-ship Indiana will take place to-day in twelve-o'clock entries. There is a tie of long standing between the men of the two vessels as to which is the better. The result of the competition will be known on Saturday evening.

Admiral Benson's fleet was to meet at 12 o'clock, May 10, 1896, and 1897, and closed at 12 o'clock, May 10, 1896, and 1897. The advance was easily absorbed and the advance kept moving right up to the close. Berlin and New York were the leaders. The market was from Liverpool, cables coming unexpectedly strong. Foreigners sent buying orders for the futures. There was a considerable falling off in Northwestern receipts, only 600 cars, against 602 last week and 608 last year. The market got its most effective impulse from the buying by the bulls. "Cushy" was the largest buyer of all. A number of the other apprentices' firms of wheat with a point in, followed by the others. The receipts from Minneapolis and Duluth were down to 600 cars, but are still probably not to teach the large totals recent seen, on some foreign buyers. The market closed strong at 12 o'clock, May 10, 1896, and 1897. The market was easily absorbed and the advance kept moving right up to the close. 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